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Who are the Heathen.

teachers a Mr. O. K. Winterton bewailed the poor results of religious teaching and advocated a crusade against modern heathenism.

with the war-mongers, armament makers, grip of a tremendous reaction, in which Stock Exchange thieves, passing on to all prominent trade union leaders are be the bankers, brewers and ultimately ing jailed and traitor organisations for reaching the "best" society, including the tered by the Government. church itself.

ism there will be little need to work leaders that the drive was commenced amongst the poorer classes of heathers, lagainst the Communists, but Labour whether black or white.

Bulgarian Forced Labour.

It will be remembered what a howl cuted, but it is the experience of went up in the capitalist press when the countries that if the advance guard Soviet Government under the stress of driven in, the attack develops and the civil war and armed foreign intervention, main body gets it in the neck. found it necessary to organise the nation's labour supply.

Bulgaria goes one better, and in peace time passes a law compelling every man between the ages of 20 and 40, and every It is gleefully announced that with a If an attempt to improperly obtain £6 woman between 16 and 30 to work for the Labour, Government in office in Britain State, and in cases of urgency, men the extravagance of the Court dresses those responsible for the £230,000 elevamay be commandeered up to 50 shows no abstement. On the contrary tox swindle to get? This is an interestyears of age. The period of com-litincreases. pulsory labour is 21 days in each year. It is stated that a Court dress often given by the Minister of Railways.

their own tools. scripts, and severe penalties provided for has been £160,000. the loss on the pay roll as consulting non-compliance with the numerous and But then Mrs. Philip Snowden says engineer, and leaves Sir William Hoy severe régulations.

buy exemption from this service at a sum these idle parasites are benefactors to fixed by the Commune in proportion to humanity. come of the person exempted, but enot ill-clad women who make the dresses less than 160 leve per day.

Dope on Doles:

Earl Haig, whisky king and soldier, at a dinner given by overseas officers in London, sulminated against the out-ofwork allowance made to unemployed workers in Britain. He expressed the opinion that the country was being ruined ! by the dole system.

Of course the doles enjoyed by royal flunkeys, dukes and professional butchers and idlers are not alluded to. It is the paltry dole of a pound a week to the unemployed worker who would otherwise starve to death which arouses the ire of the gallant and noble gentleman.

Gautemala.

It is indeed necessary, and should start! Unionists Jailed .- Gautemala is in the

It is worthy of the attention of our When these have been cured of heathen- | "respectable" and constitutional Labour | leaders are being roped in, IRRESPEC TIVE OF WHAT THEIR PARTICU. LAR IDEAS MIGHT BE.

It is easy to snigger when the advance guard of Labour is attacked and perse

Making Work.

and those who have them must bring costs £100, and taking an average of £80 | So far from anything of the kind as the cost per dress of the thousand taking place, the Pact Government Elaborate arrangements are set out in women presented at Court this season the suppresses the report of the Commission, the ukase for calling up the labour con- amount suandered on this one item alone keeps the man who was responsible for

As might be expected, the rich may Socialist, or says she is, and therefore Administration.

the economic situation and annual in- One wonders what the half-starved and think of it.

Municipal Gas.

While a gasworks was undesirable in he northern suburbs, he felt sure it vould be welcomed in Fordsburg, quoth fr. Pattison of the Johannesburg 'ederation of Ratepayers' Associations.

Of course the workers welcome smells nd filth which would offend the delicate ensibilities of the northern suburbanites. hoy are of different clay to the vulgar ew-rich or would-be-rich who spread hemselves in the sylvan glades of the raamfentein Estate.

Those Dreadful Communists

The Prussian Police have been enjoying hemselves again, and in the hope of unarthing a Communist plot have ranneked the committee rooms and private ockers of the Communist deputies.

They were successful in finding one usty pistol which had been lying forotten in a drawer for years and UANTITIES OF DOCUMENTS.

It reminds one of the raid on the Trades Hall in March, 1922, and the ænsational discovery of some children's fency dresses.

Straining at a Gnat.

The General Manager of Railwaye, in his latest Bulletin, quotes au instance of an attempt to defraud the Railway Administration of £6, for which the culprit was fined £v or a month, as a convincing proof of his department's efficiency.

involves a month in jail, how much ought ing sum in arithmetic. The answer is

IT PROVIDES WORK. And she is a still cock of the walk in the Railway

Comrade C. F. Glass has been selected 'as the candidate for Ward 9. Other names are under consideration.

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Britain and Soviet Russia.

THE TREATY SIGNED.

evidently had the pressmen guessing for the last few days, and the announcement that the Russian delegates had agreed to pay £28,000,000 towards the claims of the British Government was rapidly followed by an announcement that the Conference had broken down completely as the Soviet! representatives had refused the proposals of Britain.

Within a few hours this report was fact that the Russians had made no arrangements to leave London and that the breakdown of negotiations was stated by observers in London not to be so definite or complete as at first thought, and finally as we go to press comes the bald announcement that "THE BRITISH Johannesburg Unemployed GOVERNMENT HAS CONCLUDED A COMMERCIAL TREATY AND GENERAL TREATY WITH THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT."

The meaning of all this is, probably, Soviet delegates by a threat to break off ment stunts and Municipal Councillors Mr. Smith, the President of the refused to do, thus proving their sin- | men in Johannesburg marched down to | lowing star ling figures: ceraty and the strength of the Russian | the New Law Court buildings to inter- | In 1923, he said, 212.256 men received position, which uncompromising attitude | view Mr. R. Millar, the Inspector of | convinced the MacDonald Government | White Labour, and he offered some of | that the Soviet delegates were not to be them work at Hartebeestpoort on the folplayed with, and resulted in an im- lowing terms: Married men, 3s. per day, Phése figures meant thatmediate climb-down and an invitation to 11s. 6d. for his wife and 6d. for each child, talk some more.

It is a mistake to suppose that the princely wage indeed! negotiations were undertaken solely at the The men immediately decided that such instance and for the benefit of Russia, so-called relief work was an insult to them although papers such as the "Morning" in their misery, and passed a resolution Post' falsely reports Sokolnikov, the to the effect 'That this as embly of un-Commissary for Finance, as having said | employed request the Inspector of White that the Soviet Government must obtain Labour to immediately wire the Prime a loan. "even a very small one, and for a Minister and Minister of Labour asking short time," immediately, if the whole for work to be found for them at Trade recoming structure is not to frumble to Union rates." pieces. The exact contrary is the case. This is the right spirit and should be Every report from Russia dealing with encouraged by all trade unionists, as there the economic situation is a record of suc- is a good deal of dishonest nonsense in 1923 were marshalled in one huge procaseful struggle of the Soviet authorities | talked about "relief" work. with the problems of reconstruction. | Such jobs as new railway construction, | yards apart, they got a procession of in-

Review," the need for a loan grows less town sowerage work, etc., are repeatedly miles. urgent, and correspondingly diminishes referred to and put in hand as relief work, the inclination of the Soviet Government | when it is nothing of the kind. to pay a heavy price for the advantage of ! If these undertakings are necessary— | ing a man who was seriously injured, and such a loan:

the Soviet negotiators in London, and under the cloak of benevolence and said Mr. Smith, "part of the presented he THEIR COUNTRY IS ON THE UP sympathy for the unemployed to get them pays in the struggle with natural forces GRADE. Slowly perhaps, but steadily to work for a third of their legitimate that the people may have coal and e and and surely, Russia is following out a wages. national electrification schemes which all or full maintenance.

engineers and workers.

same time the trade of Britain is de-I stated plainly that any attempt at that elining.

These considerations have no doubt ment from their self-imposed task. Seviet Russia the worse would be the loc steps to organise themselves. terms from their point of view. The die- This is not the way. Without a definite hards possibly still dream of circum-lorganisation, and officials selected from stances arising which will favour another amongst themselves, and regular meetarmed attack on the workers' and peas-lings to discuss any new developments. The Anglo-Russian negotiations have ants republic, but with the reparations there will be little done by those in question and the Ruhr cecupation still far lauthority. from being disposed of, with Ireland on Several attempts have been made durthe verge of another crisis, with the vast ling the past two years to do this, but army of unemployed in Britain consti- with only partial and temporary success tuting an inflammatory mass, to say in Johannesburg. In Capetown more nothing of the growing militancy of the permanent work has been accomplished, erganised workers the British Govern- and it might be to the advantage of the ment cannot afford to risk further delay. Johannesburg unemployed to study the

The terms of the settlement are not vet methods adopted there. available, but it may be taken for granted | One thing is certain, only organisation modified and attention was drawn to the that whatever complexion the capitalist and agitation will prevent the present press may try to give them the Russian interest in unemployment becoming a Government has not allowed any of the mere nine days' wonder and giving place essential conquests of the workers' red to some other newspaper-created sensation, volution to be sacrificed.

DEMAND TRADE UNION RATES.

that an attempt was made to bluff the Whilst the papers feature unemploythe total amount not to exceed 7s. 'A

With every day, savs "Information and | irrigation dams and canals, road making, |

as of course they are—then there is no levery yards a hearse. This is the trump pard in the hands of justification in calling them relief works! "This is a part of the miner's ges,

were hatched in the brain of Lenin and It is stated that the self-appointed are being worked out in detail by Russian | committee which has taken upon itself the registration, of the workless, and has Even the local "Star," in an article opened an office for that purpose in on trade revival, quotes figures to show Johannesburg, is opposed to any demonhow Russia is advancing whilst at the stration on the part of the men, and have kind of thing will result in their retire-

been the predominant factors in bringing | Meanwhile, the secretary of this comabout the results above referred to. The mittee, with a companion or two, has saner and keener brains among the gone on a visit to the Minister of Labour British capitalists have realised that the lin Capetown (it would be interesting to longer they delayed in coming to an know at whose expense), and the men are understanding with the growing power of to remain here quietly starving and take

leaving the unemployed workers where they were at the beginning.

Blood on the Coal.

Toll of the Mines.

negotiations if they refused to sign at and M.L.A.'s talk vaguely about what Miners' Federation of Great Britain, in MacDonald's dictation a disgraceful they intend to do, the unemployed men the course of his evidence, before the capitulation to the Banking interests of and women are hungering and getting im- | Commission of Enquiry into the demands capitalist Europe. This they naturally patient. A demonstration of workless of the British coal miners, gave the fol-

injuries disabling them for more than Geven days, and, in addition, 1,297 were fatally injured.

Every working day more than five persons were killed.

Every five hours the clock round a life was lost.

Every 215,000 tons of coal raised was stained with the crimson of one man's blood.

Every working day 850 men were injured.

Every hour the clock round 32 were broken on the wheel and injured.

Every 10 minutes more than five poor fellows were maimed.

If the victims of accidents in the mines cession, four men in a rank, each rank 1! jured men stretching a distance of 46

Every 15 yards of that tragic march they would have an ambulanc contain-

his family may have bread.

well thought out and carefully planned. All work should be paid for at union. "This part of his wager never goe into policy of reconstruction and expansion of | rates and no less, and the unemployed | a balance sheet, is never seen in a juotaindustry. On another page is mentioned should link up with the employed com- tion, is never allowed for or even tought the steady progress made in the great | rades and enforce the demand of work for | of by the consumer. It is berne e tirely hy the victim and his dependents."

Sundry Crimes.

OR "ONE FOR HIS NOB."

into the private affairs of the Editor of another critic. this paper, together with his malicious Thirdly, if a summary of the headings cirlous charge of Bolshevik financial sup- are, in his choice art critic lingo, so obviously untrue that however hard up | display of these unsavoury details, such Mr. L. L. may be for ideas he should as for instance the desire to held them up So there, we must stop arguing about it.

Now firstly as to part of his income, we know from recent investigation that | it is derived from savings by the employment of black convict labour on the lavout of his garden, though his paper kept harping on the duty of everybody else to find one white man a job.

Secondly, while posing as an independent art critic of Liverpudlian extraction | the Minister of Justice has any spare | and free from the condition of crisis. It Runcorn way) and taking care to impress of suppressing the Sunday print for on his readers that he was "once an art- desecration of the Sabbath, which it student" (without however asserting that I sadly disgraces. he ever completed the course) he is re- | Fourthly, as a money-making scheme. puted to be the subsidised "reader" (alias | there is nothing much to boast about press agent) for the S.A.T. Trust, and in [either in the running of questionable) his dual capacity it occasionally happens | competitions, which not a bene vis disthat rival shows do not fare too well. countchanced by the more reputable leadowing to the failure of his efforts to do ling paper. In conclusion for the presjustice to the two roles—that of the im- | ent) we think a few perquisites, mere partial critic and the paid agent. (Our l'unconsidered trifles,' find their quite readers will perhaps recall an instance legitimate way into the capacious pockets during the concurrent runs of the of Mr. L. L., a member of the 'haute Christmas pantomimes of 1923.) Possibly | volce' (if the art critic knows what that | a man of really transcendental merit is) from the sale of books forwarded to might be able to rise to the occasion, but I the Sunday print for review, of which by in the present hard case it would be another "arrangement" with the Central fairer to the interests of other theatrical News, chiefly those get noticed which are advertisers if they were made aware of his | published by that sweet-savoured agency.

Mr. L. Levy's unwarrantable intrusion | invidious position, or he might appoint.

comments thereon was bound to provoke of the Sunday print be made, it will be a retaliatory enquiry into his own ways found to consist largely of the latest and means of livelihood, and for our murders and horrid deeds of violence part we have nothing to conceal and no assembled from all corners of the world, fear of the result of a comparison. We while sexual crimes of the "black peril" Journal in Britain. Sometimes they feel will remark at the outset that the ridi- and "Chinese and White Girls" variety port for "The International" or its | "strongly featured." There may be Editor has been so often refuted and is some hidden motive for the extraordinary virtues of the English race we always now give this calculated lie a rest. as horrid examples to public obloquy, but 1913 is taken as the standard or the the world will be uncharitable anough to suspect rather that the real reason is to endeavour to thrive by best-sellers of a shocking mature. In comparison with the extra profit from such a source, "money from Moscow", would at least not be polluted by abominable and debasing filth, which is particularly obnoxious in a family paper for perusal on Sunday. If (some weird extracts hail from round | time, he might consider the advisability

WAIL OF THE WOWSERS.

Workers Reject Religion.

The Rev. E. W., Sara, who is the This estrangement from religion is mainly director of the Bishop of London's Sunday | true as regards one particular section of | School, has been emitting howls of indig- | Jewish democracy, namely, the social denation at the drift away from organised mocrats or Socialists. They are in-

religion. constituted a grave challenge to the dear by, the upper class the bourgeoisie." Church. While Churchmen continued to The Professor has to make this conthink chiefly of the respectable few in fession about religion:—

of the Hebrew race has caused much un- and acknowledgment it has buttered and involved an interest a ment of casiness to the clergy. Professor C. G. | buttressed them up in their greatness and Montefiore in his "Judiasm and Demo- their privileges."

deed, with religion generally, and at all. ' ist Standard."

clined to be opposed to everything which This "appalling leakage," he says, has been a comfort to and has been held i

the front pews, the young people were "It has bidden people be obedient to being lost. In the London diocese alone their rulers and their kings, obedient and crease in taxation equals to per cent. 16,000 boys and girls had been lost from subservient. The book of proverbs, for while trade returns show lippreent. less Bible classes since the war, 16,000 from instance, encourages submission to, and than in 1913. the Church Lads' Brigade, nearly 4,000 | fear of; the constituted authority. A king | But neither the decrease in trade nor from the Girls' Friendly Society, and is the Lord's Anointed. Religion has the increase in taxation rate lethe true 8,000 from the senior Bands of Hone. devised a sort of hierarchy from the state of affairs without the related Those figures were typical of the whole authority of fallible and visible men to the to state liabilities and cure to expendicountry. There were 3,000,000 lapsed authority of an infallible and invisible communicants, of whom the London Dio- God. It has entered, as I have said, into catastrophic slump towards in livency. In cese alone counted 300,000. | an understanding with the great ones of The decay of religion amongst workers the earth. In return for their support the State amounted to £7:, 8,421 and

cracy" states that:— This lecturer of the Jewish Religious "There is a considerable section of the Union justifies all we say of the function Jewish proletariat which is out of sym- of religion in the class struggle. It is the pathy with the Jewish religion, or, in- agent of class domination.—From "Social-

How Does Britain Stand?

The Financial Situation.

STARTLING FIGURES.

By Comrade J. T. Murphy.

Is British capitalism entering into a deepening of its crisis or is it emerging from its difficulties!

This question is tormenting the minds of the writers in almost every economic optimistic about the position, sometimes pessimistic. More often it is the latter, covered up with a peroration about the have come through and we always will. normal year, as if there were some peculiar static condition of capitalism to which we must return to ensure the reassumption of 'normal progress.'. This kind of approach to our question is valueless if we would be free from illusions. It does not follow that when we reach the 1913 figures of trade returns that this is a proof that capitalism is on its feet again may in fact prove the opposite when those figures are placed in relation to the conditions of production and distribution of wealth, the size of population, the magnitude of debts, the rivalries which exist and the whole host of factors dominating the world situation to-day. Our references to the figures of 1913 are intended therefore for comparative purposes, as in means of throwing light on the changes that an faking place, 1913 being the vene prior to the dislocations of the war. First we will examine the changes in

the Natidnal Budget.

The following figures enable us to compare the revenue changes both nomina. and real, the third column representing the figure as it would be I the nounce

were the same value as in \$13: 1913-14; £191,708,972; 921-5 esti mates, £733,050,000: 1921-3 estimates in 1913, prices equal, £157,36: 25.

The increased revenue docs on indicate a proportionate increase in trade, but the heavy growth of taxation. \ \ comparison of the total import and exper. figures for 1913 and 1923 respectively will prove this contention.

Total imports for !: 13 £768,734,730. The total im e is for 192% equal £1,098,015.585, who in turn equal £660,000.000 in 1913 in ces.

Total exports in 1.13 equai £634,820.326. The total exports in 1923 equal £885,901.350, or £ 32.000.00 in 1913 prices.

The increase in revenue de to in

ture. It is then that we a see the 1913 the aggregate of the ii vilities of £24,500.000 per annum where included a £5,000,000 sinking fui. In 1923 the National Debt : unted to £7,680,000.000 involving invent of £305,000.000 per annum is st charges, plus £45,000.000 sinking 11

(To be contine .

"Give a White Man a (Black Man's) dob."

there may be cases indeed where it will the Communist 'native policy,' about politan Hotel, Johannesburg, on Saturday even pay to give him a little more. But | which the "Sunday Times" periodically | last, and was attended by a large number it must pay, and to pretend that -em- makes such a howl, of course in the in- of men in the trade besides officials of only a white Kashr policy. Anything But let the white section, and the with any man assisting in the formation

with the Chamber of Mines' 1922 ery, 1922; and it has never been a friend of If this was not put right, said the a continuation of capitalism's deliberate the black workers, for all its sudden Chairman, then the big unions represent-"Give a black man a white man's job," sympathy with native grade unionism in ed there would take steps to put presdespite the seeming contradiction. It is the shape of the "I.C.W.U.," over whose sure on any master bakers who adopted policy, or shall we say its inevitable and recent resolution at Grahamstown, favour- terrorist tactics. white wages to Kaffir level. Other things has slobbered over the present-day bakers could soon be brought to reason. being equal, the Chamber of Mines too, S.A.I.F.; but then both the I.C.W.U. A motion to secode from the Federation in attacking the status quo and the and the S.A.I.F. are by-words to-day was then put and carried unanimously, colour bar, would have had no objection among the black and the white workers also a further resolution to form a new to letting the work still be done by white respectively. men, but at the same wage that black i men would get: and to-day they and their ilk are in effect saying as much: I "certainly, now we have established Kaffirs' wages on the standard, come and take their jobs by all means"--except only that "other things" are not equal, there are still advantages in having your labourers under indenture and unenfranchised.

This use of cheap coloured lahour competition to bring down white labour wage standards is recognised capitalist practice all over the world. It is perhaps the most cruel and callous of all forms of exploitation. It is also the easiest. It is happening under our very noses; indeed what else can be expected, for it is impossible to maintain for ever two wage standards for the same work, one white and one black; and under capitalism not all the colour bars in the world will prevent the lower standard from prevailing.

THE TWO-STREAM POLICY.

Certainly the present policy of the white unions to acquiesce in, if not insist solidarity of Labour. on the continuance of, a cheap native

"Give a white man a job" has now (labour system for the bulk of the work of their resentment at a section of that developed into "Sack a Kaffir or coolie; the country, reserving only a few jobs as lorganisation breaking away and forming and put a white man in his place." The higher paid, i.e., white men's jobs, will their own union, have adopted the unsuspecting white man expects a "white not prevent it. Such a policy inevitably dastardly policy of inducing the emman's wage' for this. But, as some tends only to defeat its own ends, or, put ployers to sack some of the leading union recent letters to the "Star" show, that is in another way, invites a continual men. efficient white worker so desperate as to only way to enable the working class to secession from the Federation. accept any wage rather than starve: dictate its terms. That is the A.B.C. of This meeting took place in the Cosmoployers are going to replace black by terest of its capitalist masters. The the Miners, Building Workers and Enwhite when it doesn't pay is typical of ["Sunday Times" trades, and scores gine Drivers. The general secretary of the hypocrisy that corrupts all the heavily, on the unwillingness of the black the latter society presiding. bourgeois dealings with unemployment, and the white sections of labour to com- It was reported that the Federation Their "white labour policy" is after all hine or co-sperate in their joint interests. I officials had threatened to deal drastically better cannot come from the capitalist. | black section too for that matter, beware of the proposed new union, and that as a Thus the cry, "Give as white man a of agreeing with the "Sunday Times." It result some master bakers had already (black man's) job' is almost identical was no friend of the white workers in discharged three men.

two-stream and mutually hostile attitude the industry. (in short the Pact attitude) are faced with the choice—the "Sunday Times" or the Communist policy, which really means constitution. "the A.B.C. of capitalism or the A.B.C. of true Labourism?" It cannot be much longer now before they realise that black i men take white men's jobs not because of S.A. Engine Drivers and Firemen. the Communists but in spite of them and because of capitalism: that white worbers' tained by confining them to a few but only by extending them to the many, in the same Communists who insist on this March, 1922, fight for white standards; sood and all. and that in this whole matter, therefore, the Communist Party is not a "Kaffir I party," but is the ONLY party, pro- out peril to itself, in the aristocratic fessing to light for the working class, that has a leg to stand on, and is prepared to stand on it equally at Jeppes or at

S.P.B.

Blood Soaked Profits.

Seventeen miners, black were killed on the Rand gold mines in July.

Working costs are But who cares? being reduced and dividends are rising, and besides there are plenty to take their places.

Nemesis.

The inventor of the death-ray is reported to have lost the sight of one eve owing to experiments in the latest murder machine.

advance.

Movement. Industrial

Bakers Organise.

VICTIMISED BY S.A.I.F.

It appears that the S.A.I.F. officials, in

not the intention at all. How could it be, attrition, an accelerating whittling away! The circumstances leading up to this indeed? Who expects a business man to of the "privileged" preserves. Division development are briefly that the bakers, replace his cheap labour by dearer of the workers into mutually competing or confectioners and vanmen's section of labour! Other thing's being equal, he hostile sections means failure to resist the the S.A.I.F., being dissatisfied with the doesn't mind replacing cheap black by most callous exploitation: it means de-policy of the officials of the Industrial cheap white; that's all he can do He feat for all sections. It is of the A.B.C. Union, got together to discuss the situawill "let a white man have the job" at of labour that combination of all the I tion and decided to call a general meeta Kaffir's wage: it will pay if he gets an workers is the only protection and the ling of members to discuss the question of

fatal necessity, to bring down wages ing applicating tactics towards the mas- Mr. C. B. Tyler secretary B.W.I.U., lower and lower, in fact to the lowest ters and dencuncing native "Bol. hev- recommended the members to get their level—i.e., in this country, to bring down ism," it quite naturally slobbers as it womenfolk interested, and the master

> union which should be under the man-Those workers who still persist in a lagement and control of the workers in

> > Provisio al officers were elected and a committee appointed to draft rules and

Further meetings have been arranged to receive reports and enrol members at No. 2, Trades Hall, the offices of the

The little coterie calling itself the S.A.I.F. Executive threaten in the standards or advantages cannot be main- | "Weekly Herald" to take drastic action with any individuals who associate with the new union, but there is little fear fact to all, irrespective of colour; that from that quarter now that the master bakers are aware that the vast majority fact also took a leading part in the of the bakers have left the S.A.I.F. for

> The day is gone when any section of aloofness of a craft union.—Will Craik.

If you are a Socialist, be a live ouc. Queenstown because that "leg" is the The live one is the only real Socialist. There is no room in the Movement for the dead ones. They belong wholly to the capitalist parties—and that is why they are dead. - Eugene V. Debs.

> Class hatred! I say God help the rich if ever the day should come when the workers hate them one-hundredth part as much as they hate the working men on whom they live.—Jerome K. Jerome.

Agitators, from Christ downward, have been the salt of the earth. It is only such Fate has for once levied its tell in as they who save society from dry rot and putrefaction.

"Information and Review."

SOVIET HARVEST.

The harvest prospects in Soviet Russia! are not so gloomy as the hostile press pretend.

The drought has affected the harvest in five million dessiatins of cultivated land, carrying a population of five millions, but this is counterbalanced by the fact that large increases are expected in the crops from Siberia and Kirghizia, which will bring the total crop throughout the Union to a higher figure than last year.

KUZBAS.

The reports from this Western Siberian autonomous colony are distinctly encouraging. It now numbers 300 Americans and 2,500 Russians. They have succeeded in despatching their first million tons of coke to the Ural metallurgical districts, after a long period of reorganisation, reequipment and re-building. New mapose of large quantities of by-products Technical Council give full data on the (10,000 tons of benzol, naphthaline, etc.). history of electrification and of the plans They have built new houses, accommodating over 1,000 workers, communal dining rooms, and lecture halls, and are beginning to erect schools, hospitals, and creches. All this was carried out without any large influx of capital each man only bringing with him his implements and sufficient money (100 dollars) to maintain him for one year. Apart from the intrinsic merit of the enterprise, it is an object lesson of what a little goodwill from outside can create when applied to power stations on U.S.S.R. territory in proved by the letter which. MacDonald the boundless natural resources of the 1923 was 4,891, with a total available sent to the Indian Government organ, the Saviet Union.

THE UNIVERSITIES.

quarters out of the inspections and subse- | poses, and 55 for railways. According to | pacifist MacDonald, "will be cowed by quent expulsions from the universities, the plan for the general electrification of threats of force, or policies designed to which have taken place during the last Russia, thirty large district power plants bring the Government to a standstill; three months. The truth is, that the will be built, of which twenty-seven are and if any Indian sections imagine otheruniversities since very soon after the re- located in European Russia, one in Tur- wise events will sadly disappoint them." volution have been overcrowded beyond kestan and two in Siberia. At the present Even Curzon or Churchill could not all measure, owing to the tremendous de- time seven of these stations are in course have been more cynically brutal to the sire for learning. This overcrowding pre- of construction. Since the adoption of I toiling and exploited millions. vented all normal work for the greater the electrification plan the Soviet Governnumber of the students. Next October, ment has spent no less than 80 million i instead of the 33,000 students admitted in I roubles on the construction of these sta-1923, only 13,500 will be admitted, of tions. The above statistics give some idea whom 8,000 will be from the workers' of the thoroughness with which the work faculties, and the remainder on nomina- of electrification has been taken up. But tions by trade unions. This will enable it would hardly be incorrect to describe as the students actually to devote them- even more important the possession of a selves to their studies in more or less clearly worked out scheme by which the comfortable conditions, and will reduce direction of future work can be guided. the pressure on the labour market of The Commission on Electrification has trained specialists for whom there is still long ago accomplished the task of which no place in the developing Soviet industry other countries are only now beginning impossible for a criminal to conceal himand commerce.

THE POWER CONFERENCE.

of electrical power in the U.S.S.R. pre- the Parthenon in Paris. sented to the World Power Conference at Jaures was foully assassinated at the Wembley have apparently come as a beginning of the world war because his shock in certain quarters. It was not eloquent denunciation of the international realised that the plans for the electrification of Russia which were being worked punished. out as early as 1921 had been put into Now to cover up the crime his ashes effect to so notable a degree, in spite of all lare to be "honoured," whilst at the same the obstacles standing in the way. The time feverish preparations are being made genius of Lenin foresaw the development | for the next international shambles which which is now at last being acclaimed seriously in this country. It is now agreed on all sides that the proper development and utilisation of electrical energy is an urgent question confronting all industrial countries. The wiscacres laughed at. Lenin's idea as the dream of a madman. chinery is constantly being installed, and The World Power Conference at Wembley new shafts are being sunk. In addition is his triumphant vindication. The main they are beginning to produce and dis- surveys compiled by the Soviet Electrofor the future. Taking alone stations exclusively supplying current for public'l services (excluding those in which even a part of the dnergy is provided for railways or industrial undertakings) the total electrical power available has increased from 286,000 kilowatts in 1913 to 475,000 l kilowatts in 1923. The increase has been especially marked in the case of hig stations. The total number of electrical taken by Lord Chelmsford is clearly capacity of 1,485,121 kilowatts. The total output of electrical energy during 1922-23 in million kilowatt hours was 1,030 for Great capital has been made in certain | public services, 1,465 for industrial pur- | "No party in Great Britain," says the to think.

Convalescent.

The South Wales Miners' Federation has increased its membership from 65,344 in 1922 to 147,611, but has still some leeway to make up before it reaches the 1920; figure of 197,668.

Other unions in Britain show a similar recovery from the black days which started in 1921.

Cheek.

There is probably not much to choose between the claim to honour of Good Queen Bess and Lady Astor.

But at any rate Queen Elizabeth has been a long time dead, and on the prin ciple that it is unwise to worship a live | say. hero it would be well to delay hanging a lattelearly is not designed to capture picture of the latter lady in the House | the criminals who corner wheat, hatch of Parliament until she has run her wars, reduce wages, and indulge in other course.

Posthumus Honours.

The French Government has decided to honour the great French anti-war Social-The detailed reports on the utilisation list, Jean Jaures, by placing his ashes in

> blood bath was feared by the Government, and his murderer was never

> all authorities agree will be infinitely more devilish than the last one.

What mockery.

The only way to honour Jaures memory is to carry out the policy for which he gave his life: the abolition of armaments and war.

Rattling the Sword.

"The British Government would support the Government of India in any action they felt necessary to take to quell the revolutionary movement." spake Lord Chelmsford, one of the "Labour" Ministers in Mr. MacDonald's Cabinet.

This threat is directed not only against the Communist Party in India but against all forms of industrial and political agitation, and that this is not merely the view "Daily Hindu," and which was referred to by the noble lord as "the embodiment of the present policy."

Watch this Move.

Commissioner Enwright, of the New York police, is seeking to enrol all the police forces of the world into one unified body with its central bureau in Washington.

Of course he says the force would be "non-political" and he wants to make it self in another country or even in another continent.

It all sounds very nice, but what is the Commissioner's definition of a criminal? There's the rub. A Communist is a criminal in India, the U.S.A., and some other countries, in others Labour men and trade unionists. There is no end to the possibilities of the little scheme of the New York policeman if he gets it going or 'puts it over,' as he would probably

such like pleasantries.

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On Sunday, August 10th, the Y.C.L. are holding an outing at Florida. A train leaves Park Station at 9.10 a.m. All are invited.

Comrade Myerson is delivering a lecture on Sunday, at No. 4, Trades Hall, at 8.30 pm. The lecture is entitled "The Development of Socialism from Utopia to Science." All are requested to turn up.

Notice is hereby given that the General Dairy business carried on by Jan Abraham Percy Hartman, on Stand No. 2559, and/or Stand No. 2589, Jeppes Extension, Johannesburg, has been sold as and from the 1st day of July, 1924, to Charles Solomon. The transfer of the said dairy business will be effected on the 1st day of September, 1924. The Purchaser is taking over all the assets of the business and the Seller undertakes to pay all the

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